REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	19 February 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Golden State 3-Way
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Royce/Magcorp
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine, *Golden State 3-Way,* has explicit depictions of sexual activity, several of which are close focus on the participants' genitals. The close focus depictions degrade and dehumanise the participants by reducing them to less than full persons and have a significant impact on the viewer. The magazine also contains offensive and derogatory language that reduces women to objects for the sexual gratification of others which degrades and dehumanises them. Close focus depictions of genitals, which degrades and dehumanises, provides the dominant effect of the publication. The offensive and derogatory language is only a small part of the magazine and does not contribute significantly to the dominant effect.

Given the extent, degree and manner of the close focus depictions of sexual activity, in which the participants are degraded and dehumanised, the Classification Office considers the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good.

The classification given to the publication is considered to be a reasonable and justified limit on the right to freedom of expression as outlined in s5 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Therefore, *Golden State 3-Way* is classified as:
Objectionable.

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